

SENATE RESOLUTION 216

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Senate employees of the 110th General Assembly.

WHEREAS, we wish to specially recognize our Senate staff members, all of whom work long hours, without complaint and often under trying conditions, in service of this legislative body; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding public servants perform their essential duties splendidly, not for personal gain or glory, but rather for the satisfaction of helping to make Tennessee an even better place to live; and

WHEREAS, much like the venerable postman of days of yore, neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of demanding Senators stays these faithful employees from the swift completion of their appointed duties, and usually many times over; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Senate would truly be lost without the invaluable services of the following Senate staff members; and

WHEREAS, the diligent employees who serve in Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally's office under the capable leadership of Chief of Staff Rick Nicholson are Executive Assistant to the Lieutenant Governor Debbie Martin, Executive Assistant for Policy and Research Tim Sigler, Executive Administrative Assistant Pam George, Communications Director Adam Kleinheider, and Security Cory Russell; and

WHEREAS, the members of Senate Leadership staff are Chip McConkey and Deana Guenther (Speaker Pro Tempore Ferrell Haile); Liz Alvey and Glenda Mayes (Republican Leader, Senator Mark Norris); Laura Moore and Micki Yearwood (Republican Caucus Chair, Senator Bill Ketron); Lauren Agee, David Aguilera, and Shirley Frierson (Democratic Leader, Senator Lee Harris); Hannah Benjamin (Democratic Caucus Chair, Senator Jeff Yarbrow); and

Republican Press Secretary Darlene Schlicher, Deputy Republican Press Secretary Molly Gormley, and Democratic Press Secretary Matt Anderson; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Research Analysts are Brandy Foust (Transportation and Safety Committee); John Gleason (Judiciary Committee); Logan Grant (Health and Welfare Committee); Jennifer Grissom (State and Local Government Committee); Luke Gustafson (Commerce and Labor Committee); Chase Johnson (Government Operations Committee); John Kerr (Finance, Ways and Means Committee); Michael Maren (Education Committee); Callan Wilkerson (Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee); and

WHEREAS, the Senate administrative staff includes Sarah Adair (Senator Richard Briggs); Sheryl Alexander (Senator Thelma Harper); Christina Barber (Senator Shane Reeves); Janet Batchelor (Senator Kerry Roberts); Alice Bigham (Senator Mark Green); Amy Darnall (Senator Jon Lundberg); Pat Farmer (Senator Art Swann); Christine Freeland (Senator Bo Watson and Finance, Ways and Means Committee); Debbie Gazzaway (Senator Becky Massey); Emily Haas (Senator Jack Johnson and Commerce and Labor Committee); Vivian Highbanks (Senator Brian Kelsey and Judiciary Committee); Megan Karl (Senator Janice Bowling); Tucker Karnes (Senator John Stevens); Linda Klingmann (Senator Dolores Gresham and Education Committee); Sue Lusk (Senator Mike Bell and Government Operations Committee); Sara Moorehead (Senator Sara Kyle); Lynette Morris (Senator Ed Jackson); Rachel Offutt (Senator Ken Yager and State and Local Government Committee); Rhett Pratt (Senator Steve Dickerson); Hannah Ramey (Senator Steve Southerland and Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee); Rita Redmond (Senator Todd Gardenhire); Jenny Ritchey (Senator Rusty Crowe and Health and Welfare Committee); Suzanne Schultz (Senator Frank Niceley); Aimee Sennes (Senator Paul Bailey and Transportation and Safety Committee); Debbie Stephens (Senator Mark Pody); Susan Story (Senator Joey Hensley); Elizabeth Thornton (Senator Brian Kelsey and Judiciary Committee); Irene Ward; and Tres Wittum (Senator Bo Watson and Finance, Ways and Means Committee); and

WHEREAS, these superlative Senate staffers are essential to the efficient and orderly operation of this legislative body, and it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to express

our deep appreciation for the professional services they render so competently and so cheerfully; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend our exemplary Senate employees for the diligent and proficient manner in which they perform their respective duties, their dedication to public service as evidenced by their willingness to work long after normal office hours, and their unwavering loyalty to the members of this legislative body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to each of the above named persons, with this final clause omitted from such copies.